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"Serve Canada" - Theme of Nisei Meet

Devote All Efforts To Patriotic Duties

"How Can We Best Serve Canada?" will be the central theme of discussion when members and delegates from eight member chapters of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League and other second generation organizations meet for the Fifth Annual Convention in Vancouver, November 9-11, it was announced this week by Dr. E. C. Banno, chairman of the program committee.

SEIJIRO YOSHIZAWA new Minister Plenipotentiary from Japan to Canada, whose knowledge on Anglo-American-Japanese relationships has made his appointment especially welcome, but who, on arrival in Vancouver this week remained true to diplomatic tradition by refusing to talk "shop."

This theme will be the sole topic of convention discussion, and will be considered in two groups, one to be conducted in the English language, the other in Japanese.

Opening addresses and a patriotic flag ceremony will lend a colorful touch to the opening of the convention Saturday evening, November 9, when speakers from Vancouver Island and the Mainland will compete in the national oratorical contest.

Business Sessions

Business sessions of the National Council of the JCCL open Sunday morning under the chairmanship of National President Harry Naganobu. Reports of the National Executive, and chapter presidents will be given, and problems of organization and finance occupy the attention of official delegates.

Monday morning delegates will resume business discussions, concentrating upon program and policy for the league during the year 1940-41.

Best Serve Canada?

Convention discussions proper begin Sunday afternoon with a guest speaker on the theme, "How Can We Best Serve Canada?" following which the two groups will be organized for more intimate and informal discussion.

Reports from the two groups, as well as from the National Council will be delivered at the plenary session Monday afternoon, and the new executive officers installed.

A sayonara banquet and dance social, being arranged by Cecil Okawara, will bring the convention to a close.

AN EDITORIAL

★ The Shadow Of War

So we are brought within the imminent shadow of all that against which we have hoped and prayed—War on the Pacific. Each day we watch far-flung capitals and far-flung frontiers, dreading that the shadow will become reality, menacing our entire happiness.

Thus it is that we must face the question today and now: "If war comes, what can we do?" And asking that question, we must realize that whatever we are to do, we must do immediately.

It would be easiest for us to bury our heads in wishful thinking, refusing to face the reality of war. But we have never chosen the easiest way, never submitted without struggle to the cruel accidents of fate. We cannot adopt that course now.

Rather must we strive, as never before, to prove to Canadians—government and public alike—that in the final event of war, our loyalty inevitably lies here in Canada, the country which we call home.

Can we not, for instance, begin immediately to organize a drive to remove that stigma with which we are branded (needlessly as it may be) as disloyal citizens—dual citizenship? Can we not organize ourselves, and offer ourselves unreservedly to our country, to be used in defence of our home? Can we not, at least, come together immediately to explore the means with which to face the gravest issue in our history?

And if in the end it be found that all our efforts have been tragically ineffectual, surely at least we shall have the man's satisfaction of knowing that whatever the odds we strove sincerely to mitigate the suffering our group must face, that we fought valiantly to protect our families, our friends, and our freedom.

J.C.C.L. Deplores Attacks on Nisei Group

"Divide And Detract From War Effort"—Statement To Lapointe

Concern that the sum total of Canada's war effort will inevitably be impaired if political attacks upon Japanese Canadians continue indefinitely has caused the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League National Council to draft an official representation for submission to federal authorities. Spokesmen for the League said that their action was prompted by their grave concern over the effect of such attacks upon British subjects of Japanese origin, whose loyalty and citizenship has been needlessly questioned with increasing frequency during the past few months.

The statement has been submitted in direct refutation of charges of disloyalty made by Alderman Halford D. Wilson in a recent protest to Ottawa.

Mr. Wilson's acts, declare officials, are such as to spread disaffection and disunity within the nation, both by rousing unnecessary fear and ill-will, and by causing loyal citizens to recoil in resentment and indignation over his vindictive attacks.

His attitude, they contend, is having unfavourable effects upon Canadian-born Japanese, who are loyal and anxious to prove that fact to the satisfaction of the Canadian public.

The understanding and assistance of federal authorities, they maintain, will be necessary if 20,000 British subjects of Japanese origin are to make their fullest contribution to assist in the defence of Canada and the prosecution of the war.

Branding the alderman as a political opportunist the statement declares that "the increasing menace of the anti-Japanese movement, of which Mr. Wilson is the acknowledged spearhead, has roused in us the gravest concern over its dangerous effects not merely upon public sentiment, but also upon members of our own group.

"There should be no need," it continues, "for us to stress the vital importance of national unity in this time of crisis; no

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Weekly Whirligig

By K. W.

Language Schools . . . Our language schools continue to irk our super-patriots, who imagine that everything untinged by a cockney accent or a Scotch burr is a cacophonous menace to their delicate ears. It is a familiar and tiresome theme, but placed in a new setting of war, it rises to a crescendo, drowning out all our faint protests. There is an evident need today, then, that some steps be taken to protect these institutions and the valuable educational service they perform.

Personally I know that for the next ten years or so, a speaking knowledge of Japanese will be almost indispensable, a reading and writing knowledge a very great asset. But I fully agree with those critics who contend that if the language schools teach anything even remotely suggestive of subversive attitudes, they should be closed.

In the larger schools, or those supported by communities as public institutions, there is very little fear of this. But in the case of smaller schools supported by private means or in conjunction with other institutions, this danger does exist. For that reason, the whole system of teaching Japanese is suspect.

I think we might take advantage of the experience of the Hollywood motion picture industry in this regard. Not ten years ago the industry was enveloped in a cloud of brimstone and fire, with the public demanding that the government step in to clean up the movies. The producers quickly hit upon the idea of introducing their own censorship, and the Hayes office came into being with its standards of morality and decency. The clamour that arose was soon stilled, and the industry was able to keep its legitimate independence and freedom, restrained within proper bounds.

If our schools, then, were to organize and introduce a rigorous, self-imposed supervision of their own curricula, designed to stamp out the slightest hint of disloyalty; and then were to give evidence of that supervision to the proper authorities, blatant critics such as Alderman Wilson could no longer blow their tops off at the mere teaching of language.

Girl Asks Boy . . . The process of cultural assimilation is a slow one and takes many a devious turn. That is what officials of the Japanese Canadian Red Cross Unit are finding out to their dismay.

For their Thanksgiving dance, a number of the members, being young, cheerful and enthusiastic (if [illegible] in social psychology withal) [illegible] decided that Leap Year [illegible] once in four is good and sufficient reason to rob the male of his [illegible] and try their hands at [illegible].

[illegible] things they overlooked: [illegible] the care with which the Nisei [illegible] public as a whole caught to [illegible] idea and equally gaily decided [illegible] for telephone calls. Second [illegible] of centuries of tradition upon the Nisei girl in general [illegible] and bashfulness on their [illegible] kept them away from the telephone.

So dear reader, if you're sitting on your hands right now, either get busy and assert your masculine superiority, or come out of your shell, young lady, and be bold, just once.

On The Newsfront

Merchants Association to Discuss Police Aid

Assistance to police authorities in protecting the Japanese community from vandalism Hallowe'en night is being considered by the Japanese Merchants Association, following the communication sent to the Police Commission by the Vancouver JCCL, asking for adequate protection.

City Archives Receive Japanese Medallion

VANCOUVER — William Dalton, former manager of the Mainland Transfer Company Ltd., presented recently to the city archives a silver medallion commemorative of the visit to Vancouver of His Imperial Highness Fushimi of Japan in June, 1907.

The obverse side of the medallion was embossed with the Rising Sun in a central position and entwined with wreaths of maple leaves emblematic of Canada, oak leaves emblematic of Great Britain, and surmounted with Japanese characters.

Three More Added to Registered Nurses Ranks

VANCOUVER — Included in the list of nurses successful in qualifying as registered nurses in B. C. were three Nisei girls, Miss Y. Nagai, Whonock; Miss Nori Yamanaka, Prince Rupert, and Miss Dorothy Nakamichi, Vancouver.

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Can We Serve Canada?

"How best can we serve Canada?" is the wisely-chosen theme about which discussions at the fifth annual convention of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League will centre. This year, and properly so, the familiar discussions both on social and economic problems have been relegated to the background, and delegates from all over the province will be asked to concentrate their thinking solely upon the answers to this most pressing question.

This year, too, discussions on the same topic will be carried out in both languages, thereby providing delegates not fully at home with the English language, the maximum opportunity to make their contribution in answer to this question of service.

These radical departures from the procedure accepted in past years have been prompted by the extreme gravity of the situation which faces us today. And it is significant that League officials have framed the convention theme in words which prove the desire of the second generation to be of service to their country, words which will permit no reflection upon their loyalty.

If any good whatever may be said to have come out of the sorrow and tragedy of war, this much is certain: that the air has been cleared both of apathetic indifference to very real problems and of a confused, backward indecision. The sharply drawn lines evolving out of the situation today have wakened the second generation to the insecurity of his material and spiritual happiness, and have pointed out the only possible course for them to follow—full and complete citizenship as Canadians.

The convention theme, "How best can we serve Canada?" is the concrete manifestation of this awakening.

"The Great Adventure"

To a young Nisei girl, arriving today in the Nation's capital 3000 miles from home and friends, go the sincerest congratulations of this paper. Disregarding the skeptical attitude of friends, and refusing to accept defeat before the battle was begun, she qualified for a position in Canada's civil service, took advantage of the "breaks," and won a position in Ottawa. So she has gone off on the "Great Adventure," the dream of many an itchy-footed Nisei seeking farther, greener pastures.

There was no "discrimination complex" in her case, shackling her with vague fears and frightening her away from a new path. It is that complex that *The New Canadian* has always fought. Unless and until we train and study for the vocation of our own choice, then strive with every faculty to find a use for that training, we cannot complain about discrimination. Equip yourself, be alert to take advantage of the "breaks," and it's amazing how things have a habit of working out.

So to this Niseiette who has given all of us a lesson in pioneering spirit, no less valorous than that which must have moved her forbears to migrate to the wilds of British Columbia perhaps forty years ago, go our wishes for every success and the very best.

Thanksgiving Day

Long, long ago when the Pilgrim Fathers went traipsing into the bushy undergrowths with formidable matchlocks in hand in search of a juicy turkey at the end of a bountiful harvest, they really felt thankful when they instituted Thanksgiving Day.

Now, hundreds of years later, as Thanksgiving time rolls around, we too have many things to be thankful for. Although Canada is at war, we are still enjoying life to the full. Nightly, we can go to sleep without the fear of bombs putting us to eternal sleep; daily we awake without the dreaded thought of famine stalking at our doors.

So over the Thanksgiving week-end, whether we spend it in church or at other public functions, let's not forget that we really have lots for which we ought to give thanks to the Creator.

THE VOICE OF AUTUMN

The voice of autumn
Echoes in the hills,
Singing a song of the red leaf,
Singing a song of the wind
Swirling in the blue dust,
Where the first fire burns.
The voice of autumn
Drifts along the air
Golden and deep and sweet,
Measuring time before
The frost and leaf will meet.

S.V.A.A.

★ Letters

Platoon System

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: Last week you wrote an editorial saying that separate platoons for the Orientals would be a good thing. I don't agree with that idea at all. If we are going to be called for military training, why should we be divided into racial groups? If we are, then why not the English, the Scotch, and everybody else?

If they make different platoons, will the Chinese and Japanese be in the same ones? It will be funny if we have to carry rifles alongside the Chinese, when we've just had our guns taken away because they were afraid we might shoot each other.

Farmer.

Timely Editorials

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: Thanks for your editorials on Japanese time. We've been waiting too long for something like a real effort to stop this terrible habit, and so I hope that we can start this year. I think you should write more editorials like that, on questions that really concern us from day to day. They are more interesting and important to us just now.

Nisei Executive,
Vancouver.

Franchise For Those Who Serve In Canada's Army

(From the Winnipeg Free Press)

The Japanese issue in B. C. has arisen in a new form. The Japanese who are Canadian citizens through birth or naturalization, were legally required to take part in the national registration, and the young Japanese have since been notified to report for military training.

Now comes a request from the Vancouver City Council to the Dominion Government not to call up these people for service if it means granting them the Dominion franchise, as was done with the Japanese who enlisted in the Canadian forces in the last war.

For years there has been a desire not to encourage the Japanese in any way to live in B. C. They are not given the provincial franchise, and as the Dominion Government, in granting the federal franchise, recognizes and accepts the franchise restrictions adopted in any of the provinces, the Japanese in B. C. have never had the Dominion franchise, except those who served in the last war.

The note from the Vancouver City Council also raised the question of exempting the Japanese from military service for reasons of security — the possibility of a fifth column element among them—and suggested that if they were called up they should serve elsewhere than on the Pacific Coast.

The Defence Department at Ottawa is understood to have the whole matter under consideration. Most of the Japanese in B. C. are Canadian-born and are, therefore, citizens of Canada. Many of them are said to be very loyal to this country and a distinctly loyal paper, published in English by Japanese-Canadians, has a large circulation. Such people should, naturally, be enrolled in the defence forces. And if they were, the Dominion Government should grant them the Dominion franchise. To withhold it from citizens who took part in the defence of the country would be out of the question.

The only question to consider seriously—and presumably the Defence Department is doing so—is whether there is reason to believe that there are Japanese who are Canadian citizens whose loyalty is very doubtful—enough of them to justify the exemption of all Japanese from military service as a general precaution, or to make it advisable to put them in service in Eastern Canada. To discriminate against those who are glad to live in this country and wish to be regarded as good Canadian citizens, would only be warranted if there were substantial reason for holding that a general exemption was necessary for reasons of security.

This My Window

By [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] corn, he stands [illegible] shoulder high above the [illegible] of humanity that surges [illegible] Grey eyes peer from beneath his shaggy brows and they are wisdom incarnate, as he surveys the sweep of the street that he would cross. Clad in a gown of black, with its human stains of yesterdays' meals, with black skull cap inadequately covering unruly hair and a silver crucifix suspended from neck upon a palatial chest, he stands—imposing patriarch of an exiled race, an exiled religion. And his bushy white beard, stained withal at the mouth and nostrils, adds to his venerable dignity.

He is a priest of the Russian Orthodox Faith.

A man of sorrows and of woe, he has trod in the footsteps of his Master, sharing the griefs, the sufferings and the burdens of his people. With his fold, he tasted the bitterness of the days in the wilderness. With his fold, stood he adamantine before the scourge of the Bolsheviks. And through the bitter Siberian winter, he rallied his wavering band around him, as onward he led them to a promised land.

And here on the wide plains of Manchoukuo, he has found a haven, and the undying faith of him and his people have flowered anew in their new home. Beneath the breathtaking depth of the Manchoukuo skies, the steeples of numerous Russian churches stand, symbols of the enduring peace which the worshippers have won.

The aspiration of Imperial Russia, the fervor of an exiled people are gathered in his broad bosom. Here in Manchoukuo, land of the Kingly Way, racial concord and religious tolerance, he is at once the symbol of a lost tradition and a new.

Beneath the genial sun of a new clime, what fruit, what achievements may be won! What new contributions to the spiritual life of the Orient might he make!

And yet, the glories of Imperial Russia are not forgotten, nor the achievements of his predecessors. With nostalgic pain, he reminisces of the life that is no more—the tradition, the order and the aspirations of his brotherhood.

Like the daughters of Zion, he and his fold sing by the waters of Babylon, remembering the glory that was once Israel's.

CHILDREN

These children played together
With sweet abandon
Of childhood's lure
Calling clear to one another.

"Ronnie be the father,
Tommy is the baby,
Or Mei-ling maybe.
Eileen be the mother.

"Pietro, you're the [illegible],
[illegible] be the [illegible]
To sell the baker's [illegible]
I shall be the ice-cream [illegible]."

So they play and play,
They run about,
Their shoes without,
And hate the end of day.

The Scots, the Russian [illegible],
The English one,
The Irish one,
And last, not least, the [illegible]

—[illegible]

Work For Future Amity Urges Envoy

America to Supply Copper, Scrap Iron

VANCOUVER.—The ban on exports of copper from Canada and on scrap iron from the United States to Japan will handicap Japan's industries seriously, but she will look to China and other South American countries, with which she has an expanding trade, to find these raw materials, the Hon. Seujiro Yoshizawa, newly-appointed minister to Canada declared Tuesday evening at a welcome banquet in his honour.

In discussing the effect of Japan's alliance with the Axis powers upon the Japanese residing in Canada, the new minister stated that they would have to be prepared to overcome difficulties arising from the international situation. He hoped they would look forward to the future, when relations on the Pacific would be established on a more amicable basis.

Food Situation

Commenting upon the banquet, the envoy pointed to the effects of war upon the diet of warring nations, and discounted the seriousness of reports of shortages in Japan. During the last war in Great Britain, he pointed out, food staples such as bread, meat and sugar were sorely lacking, and placed on a rations basis early in the conflict. In Japan today, even after three and a half years, the people are much better off.

A serious shortage of rice owing to the impairment of the Korean rice crop was admitted, however. This was overcome by the import of food staples from other countries.

The new minister called upon Mayor Telford upon his arrival in the city last Monday, and Wednesday visited the capital, where he made courtesy calls on Premier Pattullo and Lt.-Gov. E. W. Hamber. He is scheduled to leave for Ottawa Saturday.

Appointment Welcomed

Regarded as an expert in Anglo-American-Japanese relationships, his appointment as minister at this time has been especially welcomed. He has served in the diplomatic world since his graduation in 1917. For the past three years he has been director of the Bureau of American Affairs at the Foreign office.

Hawaii Nisei Praised By Stanford Prexy

American citizens of Japanese origin residing in Hawaii were praised as good American citizens in an outspoken article by Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford University, appearing in the current issue of Atlantic monthly, national magazine.

Declared Dr. Wilbur: "The Japanese in Hawaii are an orderly, law-abiding group, characterized by thrift, industry, and ambition. They are certainly becoming more American all the time."

The statement was contained in the article which was written as an argument favouring the granting of statehood to Hawaii. Dr. Wilbur believes that such an act would solidly establish American position in the Pacific, pointing out that Pearl Harbor is a formidable naval base.

He observed that the main problem of Hawaiian statehood is the Japanese population in the islands. "Unless we can view these island populations of ours with confidence and not with concern, we have already gone a long way to our own defeat in time of trouble.

U.S and Japan

[illegible] perhaps of [illegible] and even a promise for the [illegible] taken at the seventh annual "Japan-American Student Conference," held at Tsuda Women's College in Tokyo this summer. [illegible] American colleges and universities in the United States attended the conference.

"Too idealistic for the world to [illegible] possibly, yet out of the mutual appreciation of such ethics problems, the students of today may become the statesmen of tomorrow who will build more firmly a structure of enduring peace in the Pacific area." Seattle, Washington, has already been chosen as the locale of next year's conference.

Art of Ikebana

Many See Flower Arrangement Show

Beautiful flower arrangement steeped in the cultural tradition of old Nippon was indelibly impressed upon the minds of hundreds of spectators who crowded into Nippon Club over the week-end to see the "ikebana" exhibit sponsored by the Takeyaryukai.

Displays

Gorgeous chrysanthemums, a variety of Japanese thistles and grass, exotic tropical plants deftly arranged in the "takeyaryu" manner, lent their sharply contrasted effects to the room.

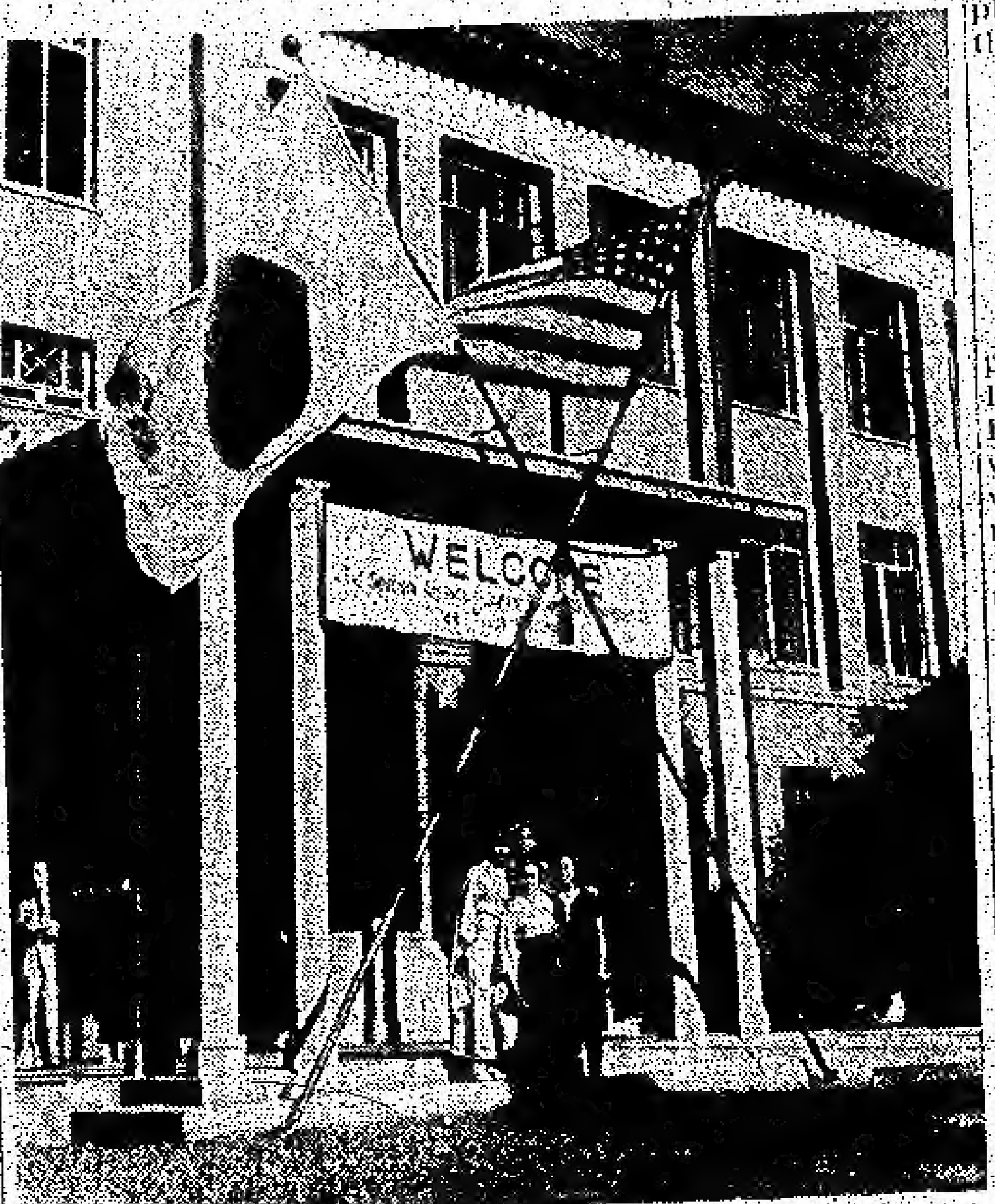
One entry displayed a tiny, dwarfed tree representing the grandeur and magnificence of an old, old growth. In another tray there was a miniature set of a Japanese garden boasting a tiny house, a trickle of a stream crossed by a teeny-weeny bridge. An example of the original "bonkei" ("scenery on a tray") art depicted a section of a seashore, simple yet austere in its beauty.

Special Merit

Receiving special recognition were the two entries submitted by Mrs. Kuwabara and Mrs. Nishio who just recently completed five years of study in this special subject.

Acting in the capacity of instructresses of the Takeyaryu Society are Mrs. E. Morii and Mrs. Y. Hamagami. They are conducting weekly lessons in flower arrangement for some 25 ladies.

Submitting entries in the display were the Mesdames Morii, Hamagami, Kuwabara, Nishio, Kashino, Fukuyama, Nishikawa, Yamada, Sunahara, Maikawa, Miyazaki, Yamashita, Yamamoto, Iwasaki, Miyasaki, Anzai, Noda, Horisaki and Hatanaka.



Asahi Reporter On Way To War Scene

Surprised at Growth of Coast Nisei Press

One of the travellers aboard the Hiye Maru when she berthed in Vancouver Monday was Noboru Itoh, staff correspondent of the Tokyo Asahi Shimbun, one of the largest papers in Japan, who made a brief stop-over in the city before continuing his journey to Europe via the United States, where he will replace another of Asahi's staff correspondents.

Role of Nisei Press

Demonstrating a keen interest in journalism, Mr. Itoh was pleasantly surprised to hear about the growth of the Nisei press up and down the Pacific Coast. He dwelt upon the need for a Nisei newspaper not merely as a community organ but as the voice of the young people before occidental society.

The star reporter disclosed that he had been working ten years for his present company, the past two years in the public relations department until his recent appointment.

Mr. Itoh is well equipped for his forthcoming duties, having studied both English and French and having taken his degree in the latter at the Imperial University in Tokyo.

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TOWN TOPICS

FRESHMEN CHOOSE REP

Hideo Shigei, graduate of Byng's School, was chosen to represent the freshies and freshettes on the executive of the University Japanese Students' Club at their first meeting held at the Kerrisdale home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Kagetsu last Saturday night.

ASTRONOMY TALK

"The Mysterious Universe" will be the topic of an interesting address given by Kunio Shimizu, honour physics graduate of the University of B. C. and member of the Vancouver Astronomical Society, to members of the Seikokai A. Y. P. A. at Holy Cross Mission, Thursday evening, Oct. 10.

Members are urgently requested to turn out at 8:00 sharp to clear up important matters of business.

FELLOWSHIP

The Nisei Christian Fellowship again extends an invitation to its monthly meeting to be held this Saturday, October 12, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Miss May Tuttle, 826 East 33rd. Miss Delma Jackson will address the meeting.

FAREWELL BANQUET

Jujiro Fujino, prominent educationist, will be the guest of honour at a farewell banquet at the Maruman, Sunday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Fujino has just completed a series of lectures on language studies in Vancouver. A fee of 50c will be charged, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

BASKETBALL SWINGFEST

The Japanese Basketball League are swinging into the fall season with an informal dance social at Orange Hall, Saturday, November 2. Only 25c and this includes refreshments too! League members are planning an evening of syncopated surprises, so don't forget to keep November 2 open!

RED CROSS DANCE

Just a few more days to the first big social event, the Red Cross dance at Peter Pan Ballroom on Thanksgiving Day. Girls, have you phoned him yet? And gentlemen, 50c will give you a grand evening of dancing from 9 to 1 to the music of the Royal Ambassadors, and a helping hand to the Japanese Unit of the Red Cross. A "must" on every Nisei social calendar. Remember the Red Cross dance on Thanksgiving Monday!

Inspiring Program Arranged For Sixth Christian Youth Rally

Although the war situation has curtailed the program of the annual B.C. Young People's Christian Conference, the spirit of the movement will be much in evidence Sunday, Oct. 13 at 3:00 p.m., when delegates from Protestant churches of Vancouver, Steveston and the Lower Fraser Fraser Valley assemble for the grand rally at Powell United Church.

An interesting and inspiring program has been arranged for the rally, with Rev. G. P. McLeod of Shaughnessy Heights United Church delivering the main address.

The well-known trumpet player, Sam Yamada will render several selections, accompanied by Miss Lily Ide at the piano, and Miss Setsu Shimotakahara and Miss Mariko Uyeda will sing together in a duet.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

12-13—Chrysanthemum Display, Japanese Hall, 10 a.m. to [illegible] p.m.
12—Formal opening of Display, 8 p.m., Alderman Jones, Speaker.
13—5th Anniversary, Y.P.C.C. Rally, Powell United church, 3 p.m.
13—Y.P.C.C. Luncheon, Melrose Cafe, 12.30.
14—Red Cross Dance, Peter Pan Ballroom, $1 couple.
15—Mission Seinenkai Keirokai, [illegible] [illegible] Temple.
15—Mum Sale, Marine Building.
18, 19—Gakuyukai Play, Japanese Hall.
26-26—Catholic Bazaar, Mission Hall.
31 Hallowe'en!

Mum Growers Donate To Red Cross

As their contribution to the Red Cross Society, members of the Kokonoye Kai, the Japanese Canadian Chrysanthemum Society, are donating many flowers to a benefit sale for the Red Cross, which will take place in the Marine Building on Tuesday, October 15.

Those who would like to purchase some flowers are urged to attend the sale at which some members of the Kokonoye Kai will be assisting. Free delivery of the sales by society members is offered.

Prior to the sale, these flowers will be on display along with many others at the annual 'mum exhibit of the Kokonoye Kai at the Japanese Hall over the Thanksgiving week-end, October 13-14.

Alderman Jones Speaker.

At the formal opening Saturday evening at 8 p.m., Alderman Charles Jones, a great 'mum enthusiast and cultivator, will give a few words of greetings. Representatives from the Canadian Japanese Association and the newspapers will also speak.

It's Chrysanthemum Time!

Behind The Scenes

School Spirit Moves Gakuyukai Play

By Staff Writer

There's no glamour to this business of putting on a play. The cast, the stage crew and other committee members will chorus that truth.

There was no big kleig lights in the hall the other evening when I stepped into the school to watch the preparations for the "big show."

For instance, there's Kaz Suga with a pencil stuck under the brim of his hat, a rule protruding from his back pocket, his finger sketching a rough diagram in a little sawdust pile on the floor. Beside him are Hideo Oshimo stroking his chin thoughtfully, Mr. Akiyama chinning the butt end of a saw offering his suggestions, Koichi Kaminishi and Rinzo Amemori looking on intently.

A pair of scissors, two hammers, one small axe, a square, a few handfuls of 5-inch nails, a litter of sawed-off ends of two by two's, etc. and etc. are scattered over the floor. Not much glamour there.

Then Takeo Yamada appears on the scene. He's the one that does all the painting. From the way he squints at the work he's done, you can tell that's it's no fun for him either.

It's the same with the girls who are busy with the costumes and those who are selling the tickets.

Then why is it that every year the Japanese Hall is packed, PACKED when the GKY play goes on? It's school spirit, I found. Nothing more, nothing less than that spirit that is symbolized by the playing fields of Rugby.

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Some Impressions . . .

By REV. TAKEFUMI TATSU

[illegible] the Nisei ever stop to think just how they appear to [illegible] Japanese coming from Japan. In a short series of articles [illegible] Takefumi Tatsu, pastor of the Japanese Foursquare Church and a [illegible] of Doshisha University, one of the leading private educa[illegible] in Japan, will sketch his impressions of the Nisei and [illegible] the time of his arrival in this city last December.

PROLOGUE

FIRST impressions last" is a common saying which we hear very [illegible] but it did not apply to my case in certain regards because the [illegible] I had of Canada nine months ago have altered since then.

I sense that even my way of looking at things has changed and that [illegible] viewpoint of the same persons has also been modified. Naturally, the [illegible] impressions themselves have been radically transformed. These changes [illegible] to my attempt while living here to put myself in the same posi[illegible] as the Nisei. I am no longer the outstanding fellow, but rather I am [illegible] one of them.

At first everything seemed quite beautiful and shot my eyes [illegible] strangely, but gradually the effects wore off and I came to see [illegible] the bad points of the people and their customs. I think [illegible] is caused by and proves the fact that I am getting to be Canadian [illegible] in my outlook.

Anyhow I am going to write about my impressions of this country [illegible] of the Nisei, how they reflected through my eyes on the mirror of [illegible] experiences when and after I landed in Vancouver. Of course, I would [illegible] my readers to understand that what I am about to relate was my first impressions, flashes of thought which have been recorded in my mind [illegible] those first impressionable days.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

IT was a rainy but a very calm and refreshing morning of the 14th of December, 1939.

I was standing out on the deck of the "Heian Maru" when the [illegible] passed underneath the Lions Gate bridge. Strangely, it was [illegible] for the first time that I had the sensation that I had actually [illegible] to a foreign country. My eyes became warm and the tears fell [illegible] my cheeks without my knowing it.

Many evergreen trees covered Stanley Park (of course, I did not know it was the Park then), and many houses coloured beautifully West and North Vancouver. "Here I am in North America at last," I said to myself. Everything I saw was curious and exciting. I never felt my heart [illegible] so much.

But when the boat docked beside the Terminal Docks suddenly my dreams of the grand civilization of the continent of North America burst like a bubble. I was alone in a lonely country right in the midst of moun[illegible] and the wilderness with the rain making the countryside even more [illegible] and dreary.

However, this misunderstanding and disappointment passed away [illegible] I had dwelt a week in Vancouver. This was my first impression when I set my foot on a foreign soil.

COMFORT GOOD ENOUGH TO LIVE IN CANADA

MY first sensible idea broke out after a week's living. I felt my strange[illegible] go away from me, and thought that life in Canada was very [illegible]table.

Another thing, while I was still in Japan I thought that I would not be able to eat rice so plentifully in Canada. I laugh to [illegible] that following the advice of my friends, I ate as much rice [illegible] as I could before coming out here. To my great aston[illegible] I was able to enjoy rice, not only plentifully but of a much higher quality here than back home.

Moreover, I had made up my mind that it would be very incon[illegible] to have to speak English not only to white people but to the Nisei. My anxieties were all cleared up upon reaching here, and I felt [illegible] I would actually like to use my poor broken English.

To my mind the most puzzling thing was the way of traffic. In [illegible] we keep to the left of the road. Here I very often made the mis[illegible] of transferring to the car going in the opposite direction for this [illegible]. Even now I find myself keeping to the left. Sometimes I [illegible] into the danger of colliding with automobiles at the corners because I don't expect them to come from the direction they are actually travelling.

(To be continued)

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MUSIC BOX

On Negro Music

By A. Y.

In contrast to the "spirituals" is the non-religious folk music of the negro, characterized by lightness, mock-sentimentality, pagan humour and pungent irony. For generations neglected and despised, it came into its own only in recent years. It has been tabbed as the grand-daddy of "Jazz," but jazz music represents a very weakened version of it.

In broad terms, this class of music embraces such genuine folk pieces as "John Henry," "St. James Infirmary Blues," "I'm an Eastman," and the broader but adulterated range of the "Swanee River," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," Melancholy Baby" and "Dinah" variety.

Of the latter group there are ballads which sometime achieve the level of the semi-classical, for instance Stephen Foster's "Old Folks at Home" and "I Dream of Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair," and become the lasting classics of popular taste rather than the transitory "song hits" of the season or "pot boilers" turned out by the hundreds by "Tin Pan Alley" (that is to say, commercial music firms and record companies). Once more I repeat the perennial favorites "Stardust," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" and "Dinah" as typical examples.

Then again we must remember that secular negro music (to distinguish it from the "spirituals") varies according to geographical districts of its origin. Folklorists have separated it into six zones, each with its characteristic flavor and musical idiom.

Of these zones we are interested only in two in our cursory survey. In the district of Virginia we find that negro music was the earliest to gain favor, is very melodic, shows the strong influence of Irish and English folk ballads and dances, and finds expression in songs of the "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny" type.

The Mississippi basin provides us with the main source of jazz music. It is the music of the levees and delta, racy and sentimental, and gave us "Joe Turner," "St. Louis Blues" "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans."

Those of you who have seen the Hollywood production, "Show Boat" and remember the sequences showing negroes at work with Paul Robeson singing the vocal lead will get a graphic picture of the development of negro folk songs.

S. Hayami

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By Cinderella

LEAVES FROM A NISEI GIRL'S DIARY

Monday—A sultry gay day it was today. Read a new and breezy book on etiquette since I overheard a college grad say that if the age of chivalry is over it's because the gals aren't feminine anymore. Must tell Mariko to read "Co-Edíquette" by Elizabeth Eldridge. She says a perfect escort is one who takes care of you throughout the evening; who dances the first, last and the supper dance (if there is one) at least with you; who, when he dances with someone else, sees that you are supplied with a partner; who makes every effort to return to you between dances; who—when the music ceases, walks you back to your friends instead of leaving you stranded in the middle of the floor or sits a while and chats with you before seeking his next partner. If the girls are not feminine, maybe it's because there's a lot to be done by the menfolk.

Tuesday—Rushed through my work, and went to see "Our Town." It was a beautiful film, sincerely and simply done, without the usual Hollywood extravaganza and ballyhoo. It was a simple chronicle of the years of ordinary folk who are born, love, marry, have children and die. In one beautiful scene, Emily, wavering on the brink of death, gazing back on the life as she has lived it, cries out: "World, you're beautiful, wonderful—how wonderful one never realizes until it is too late . . . too late!" It's a funny thing, but when I heard that cry, it made me realize that the things that matter are the quiet everyday things—the half-remembered, taken-for-granted things, like friends, the corner store, Emily's butternut tree, and sunsets, and cool autumn twilights. I'm glad I am alive!

Wednesday—Always learning, diary dear. Discovered that when preparing the wash for ironing, warm water dampens clothes more evenly and quickly than cold water. A little ammonia in hot water makes windows sparkle and glisten like November stars! Finally phoned Billy for the Leap Year date. My, it was embarrassing! Mariko told me that there's a technique to this dating business. She says you can take the personal and forward note out of your invitation by saying, "The Red Cross is giving a dance and I have been asked to invite you as my escort." Why didn't she tell me sooner? I wouldn't have stuttered and stammered so. O well!

Thursday—Went to a sale and bought a flag pin for my new winter coat. I wish the Japanese people wouldn't speak in Japanese at a sale. I saw a whole crowd of them standing in a group, bowing and scraping. Of course, they weren't saying anything but the usual pleasantries and backyard fence gossip, but it looked bad. I saw a Canadian glancing sharply at them. We create our own discriminations.

Friday—Heard from Kiku in Japan. She advises me not to make the same mistake she made, but to stay in Canada. Believe me—I think I will. I can't help it. What was it that Browning said?

God gave all men all earth to love
But since our hearts are small,
Ordained that each one spot shall hold
Beloved over all!

Saturday—Knocked off early and went to have my hair done. Taro is training in C.O.T.C. Soon other Niseis will be joining up. Somehow it doesn't seem right or fair that Taro should become cannon fodder when there are so many others who could and should go. He could do so much for us here—but when democracy is threatened, what else could he do, being what he is. I hate war. Went to play bridge with the Kitoyamas.

Sunday—Went to church for the first time this month. And watching the morning sun slant through the stained glass windows, lighting the head of the Virgin, and the organ swelling into an anthem, and the choir chanting, I felt a strange quiet—a sense of peace, of serenity stealing into my heart. Spent a long afternoon at home, curled up in a chair in front of the fireplace. While reading "Soaring Wings," an enthralling biography of his wife, Amelia Earheart, George P. Putnam penned a beautiful tribute—a tribute so beautiful that I memorized it:

. . . There are those who seem to think that an enterprise like hers must have some justification and without it there is no reason for taking such grave risks. But . . . the world is a better place to live in because it contains human beings who will give up ease and security and stake their own lives in order to do what they themselves think worth doing . . . And what they prove to themselves and others is that man is no mere creature of his habits . . . but that in the dust of which he is made there is also fire lighted now and then by great winds from the sky. . . .

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Water 'neath the Bridge...

By T. M. K.

Life without faith, without trust, without hope, is the depths of misery.

Comes a time in a man's life when the familiar landmarks disappear one by one, and there is an interim between the old life and the new. That is life marking time, when one waits for the new signs to develop to lead us to our next destination.

Often this interim is blank, with only occasional shafts of supreme happiness or utmost despair, and the ordinary life waits in suspense for the continuance of its daily tasks.

Happiness is transient, an elusive will-o-the-wisp that mocks us as we bungle our way through the tangle of undergrowth, the brambles that hinder our passage, that cause us the wear and tear of worry, fatigue and pain. We grasp at this thing Man calls Happiness, and grasping, bruise it for our own use. So we are unhappy that happiness is not what it seemed in the distance.

A moment comes when, with the sudden rending of a veil, there is before us in shining splendor the Holy Grail, and we are prostrated in ecstatic contemplation. This is Happiness. You cry, but light dims and the vision fades away to leave the workday world more drab than ever. Forever after you search for that Gleam. The years slip past, taking each time a little more give from the bulwark of your faith, or adding another bit of hope to the iron of your trust.

Then this despair, when romance is torn from our believing eyes, we see the bare frame of that future called Wisdom. But at the moment of disillusion, in this interim, we see no hope of Wisdom filling itself out to our needs. The manifold, multi-coloured drapings that hitherto covered it is all we know of it, is all we are familiar with, and grief, perplexity, a tragic sense of loss fills the air around with muted wailings when these things we knew so well are whisked away into the past. How lost one feels in the strangeness of life's revelations.

In this pursuit of Happiness we are apt to stumble over our faith, our trust, our hope. We clutch at them too tightly. We are prone to swear at them in fragmentary but nevertheless excruciating pain. We damn our faith, we turn away from trust, and close our eyes to hope, to grope blindly in the fog of indecision. Turn this way or that, nothing stands; all is shifting, changing, whirling, nearer, farther, glowing, fading . . . into infinity.

There is a famous picture entitled "Hope" of a blindfolded humanity listening with heartbreaking intensity to the music from one string left on the shattered harp . . . just that faint, faint promise. That is Man in the interims at the marking place waiting for some sign to guide his seeking fingers.

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Far beyond
the routine bond
there lies
beneath a clearer sky
the hills that urge
the spirit surge
to try,
to cry
for this human need
to succeed.

JCCL STATEMENT—(cont. from page 1)

need to stress the necessity of welding our nation into one force, consecrated to a singleness of purpose and effort; no need to repeat the responsibility of individual citizens in this regard.

War Effort Confounded

"But our efforts to contribute to the nation's war cause are being confounded here in B. C. by a civic official, leading a crusade of racial persecution. In our considered opinion, his acts more than anything else, have roused a spirit of disaffection and disunity, prejudicial to the success of the war effort, and wholly incompatible with the responsibilities of his office. In our contacts with fellow Japanese Canadians, we are forced to the conclusion that under the impact of his unceasing attacks, even the most patriotic among us has not remained wholly unaffected.

"We may mention but two incidents to indicate the effect of his anti-Japanese campaign. When he was chosen to head the committee in charge of Vancouver's recent Air Supremacy Drive, he made no effort to enlist the support of the Japanese community, as is ordinarily the case in civic projects. Actually his attitude was responsible for a spontaneous lack of support for the drive; yet his reaction was to accuse the Japanese community of lack of loyalty and enthusiasm. At the same time he publicly belittled our contribution to the war effort, declaring that we had shown no interest in either Canada or the Empire.

Army Training

"More recently he protested to Ottawa, asking for assurance that no franchise rights be granted to Japanese who train and serve in Canada's army. He assumed from the beginning that we would not serve unless we received franchise rights; whereas we had fully decided to waive all claims to such rights until after the war. Naturally his protest aroused resentment among our youth, several hundred of whom are fully prepared for military training. His unreasonable attack and slurs on our loyalty cannot fail to affect the spirit and enthusiasm of our youth.

"Whatever his intentions, his attitude apparently is to the effect that the assistance and co-operation of 20,000 British subjects of Japanese origin is of no value to Canada in this hour, and for that reason he feels free to exploit our group for the advancement of his own political ambitions. His method seems to be to conduct attacks upon our community which produce feelings of resentment, and thereupon to accuse the community of disloyalty because of the feelings for which he himself is responsible.

Seeds of Disaffection

"To our dismay, therefore, the morale of the entire Japanese community is being steadily undermined; the rift between Japanese Canadians and other Canadians widened, because Alderman Wilson arouses resentment in one group and needless fear and suspicion in the other. While we are fully aware of the right of free speech in a democratic nation, nevertheless we are engaged today in a critical struggle for national existence; and the seeds of disaffection and disunity which he sows are assuredly a menace to the well-being of the state.

"It is with grave concern over this situation that we are impelled to address these representations to you. We feel that if Alderman Wilson's bitter attacks are allowed to continue, and no steps taken to counteract the damage, our contribution to the prosecution of the war cannot but be lessened. May we, with the interests of our native land and our own community sincerely at heart, humbly beg your assistance in this vital matter, that we may be able to contribute willingly and gratefully our utmost share to the total of Canada's war effort?

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... Stress was laid that the purpose of the oratorical contest is primarily two-fold: firstly, to provide a means of expression from representative Nisei; and secondly, to assist in the development of fluent, skilled platform speakers, capable of presenting the case for the second generation.

Prompting the short story contest is the belief that literary talent among the Nisei deserves the fullest encouragement, especially since fiction is recognized as a powerful medium of education.

Oratorical Rules

Competition in the oratorical contest is open to every Nisei in Canada. The English language only may be used. Two semi-final contests are held, one for the Mainland and one for Vancouver Island. The first three speakers selected from each group will meet in the final competition to be held Saturday night, Nov. 9, in Vancouver.

Island entrants should file entries with the Victoria Chapter (Secretary, 938 Caledonia Ave., Victoria), and Mainland entrants with the Vancouver Chapter (408 Dawson Bldg., Vancouver). Entries should include name, age, address, and topic of speech.

Each speaker is allowed to speak for 15 minutes, and may choose any topic, subject to the approval of the League.

October 26 has been set as the date for the Mainland semi-final.

Short Story Contest

Closing date for entries in the short story contest is Nov. 1, and all entries should be addressed to the Short Story Contest Committee, c/o The New Canadian. The contest is open to every Nisei in Canada. The story may be of any length up to 10,000 words, and while the plot is left entirely to the discretion of the writer, preferably—it should revolve about a Nisei scene.

Regina Nisei Goes To Training Camp

By ... Correspondent

Regina, Sask. — Oct. 4 — Richard H. Tanouye, former president of the local Shinyo-Kai, received orders today to report for military training in camp on October 9th. He passed medical examinations late in September, and had been eagerly anticipating his call.

The Shinyo-Kai members doff their hats to him and join in wishing him luck. He is the first to receive the call among Japanese Canadians in Saskatchewan.

Ganges Granary

By the "Gleaner"

Station "GG" of The New Canadian wakes from the "Sleep of the Dead" with some news around the island.

Coming and Going . . .

In a month or so the "Naks" will be moving into Victoria, and we shall certainly feel the loss of their jovial company. Mr. and Mrs. W. Nakamura have already gone to Victoria ahead of the rest. We saw Dixie off to Vancouver, where she will continue with her dressmaking. Goro has gone to Britannia Beach, and we are expecting to hear from him soon.

Mrs. H. Araki and son, and her brother, Jerry Ito, spent a week on their father's farm here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Murakami and their son visited Vancouver recently.

Just Chaff . . .

Travelling around the "campus" is a new truck which the Okano boys recently secured—a beauty of one, too . . . Seen around the south end of the island were some boys from Sydney and Duncan. Hope you like our beautiful island, boys!

RED CROSS News Notes

Enrollments for Junior Red Cross, far more than any previous year, are pouring into Provincial Red Cross headquarters, Marine Building, Vancouver, according to Marguerite Manson, provincial organizer.

"Hundreds of junior members have renewed their pledges to serve their family, school, and country," said Miss Manson, "and these make particularly active members. When you consider that enrolments are coming in from the most northern parts of the province, where mail is irregular, as well as from cities, you can see that the Juniors have wasted no time in getting organized."

Oike Again Heads Maple Ridge JCCL
Tamotsu Mitani Voted Honorary Member

By Rose Takahashi

HANEY, B.C. — The first general meeting of the fall term for the Maple Ridge JCCL took place on Saturday, Oct. 5 in the Haney Hall. The main business was the election of officers for the new term, with the results as follows:

Doug Oike, president; Alice Omura, vice-president; Teruko Hidaka, recording secretary; Rose Takahashi, corresponding secretary; Takeo Ooto, treasurer.

Convenors are: Shogo Omura, literary; Mac Tamura, sports; and Archie Nakano, social. District chairmen chosen include: K. Fujimoto, Pitt Meadows; A. Sakanishi, Hammond; K. Okano, Haney; and M. Takeuchi, Whonnock.

Mr. Tamotsu Mitani was made an honorary member in recognition and appreciation of his untiring efforts for the cause of the JCCL and the second generation in general of the district.

Bloedel Banner

By Staff Correspondent

Well over 300 Bloedel employees here responded heartily in aid of the Red Cross drive, donating one whole day's wages to the recent appeal.

The community mourns the passing of Red Hannigan, 52, at the Lourdes Hospital, at Campbell River on Sept. 21. The late Mr. Hannigan was severely injured three weeks ago in a speeder accident.

A great war veteran, he leaves to mourn his passing a host of friends whom he had won during his twelve years' residence here.

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Niseiettes . . . are you looking for something to bridge the time between summer's warmth and winter's cold? Modiste on Granville Street has just the thing to make the eyes of the passers-by sparkle in admiration.

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Buy yourself that carefree, casual air—that breezy, exciting youthfulness—at prices within the reason of every Niseiette.

And while selecting your fall wardrobe, why not kill two birds with one stone? The genial proprietor of Modiste, Mr. T. Shimotakahara, with an eye to the latest and smartest in feminine fripperies and an understanding of the assets and limitations of the Niseiette figure, has stocked racks and racks with afternoon dresses in all the latest shades, from the very girlish, with huge patch pockets and roomy, bloused backs to the severely sophisticated high draped necklines, and the sparkle of gold and studded nailheads and sequins.

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● Sport SPOTLITE

Vancouver's Lil Tokyo was full of excitement the early part of this week. Every place you visited, you would have been greeted with a blare of the radio bringing to you the play-by-play of the crucial World Series between the Reds and the Tigers. It was just as interesting as if Cincinnati and Detroit had played right here in Vancouver. Everyone was listening... from a young kid just starting to take interest in baseball, to an old-timer who could remember the series way back a couple decades ago.

It was fun listening to the local Yogi's predicting the outcome of the games, everyone rooting for their selected team. Everything was being bet, from coca-colas to sawbucks. Somebody always paid off, and some people were stung and how! Here's one incident that beats everything else.

One rabid Detroit fan drew a Cincinnati 3 in a World Series pool for the last game. He was, oh so very sure, that Cincinnatis did not rate a chance, so he sold his ticket to an eager Red fan for a thin dime. Now the story goes on that the Reds did win, and the score was 2-1, thereby making Cincinnati 3 the lucky ticket for the $6.50 pool. Tough luck, Roy!

...to our local sports menu, it's still the toughest time of the year for sports scribes. Just practices and meetings, but it won't be long now before things will be going in full swing again. On Saturday there'll be the Nippatsu Soccer team again bidding for the G.V.H.A. trophy again, then in the G.V.A.A. will be the delegate team of shuttlers from the Japanese League that entered Division C, and according to Secretary Mat Matsui should place well in the finish.

Cagers Meet.

The basketball setup is clearing up, but a few more meetings are necessary before the season can swing into action. The first of these meetings will be held this Friday, October 11 from 7:30 p.m. at the Japanese School. It will be a general meeting, all players are urged to attend.

To initiate the hoop season into the sports calendar, Director Mi Akiyama gathered his henchmen around him and proposed a dance social to start off the new season. The tentative date for this dance-social is fixed at November 2. We'll give you more information on it later, so keep Saturday, November 2 open.

Three Squads To Scrap In Cagette Loop

N.B.—Young Men Asked To Stay Away From Practice Sessions

Three cheers for the girls! They're certainly entitled to a cagette league this year. With a grand mixture of last year's faithfuls and a big new crop of potential cage stars, rookies and old-timers, responding to the almost frantic call for girls by Mi Akiyama and Seiji Onizuka, the cagette division of the Japanese Basketball League is running along smoothly far beyond expectation.

To the great satisfaction of the directors in charge, close to 25 girls turned out last Tuesday for their second workout of the season. Puffing and sweating, the girls went through their preliminary practices of passing and shooting under the guidance of coaches Kaz Suga and Ken Fujioka.

With such a grand turnout, it's a pity that the girls are allotted only one hour, but since there are no other times available, they'll just have to make the best of it. A fine suggestion, however, of having a weekly pep talk on the fundaments of basketball in the gym parlor was enthusiastically received. All girls, therefore, are asked to turn out at 8 o'clock next Tuesday.

Team 1—Coach, Johnny Tanaka; captain, Joyce Ikeda; Kuniko Sugaya, Kimi Sugamori, Marie Akiyama, Koko Shimizu, Sally Kitaguchi, Yoshiko Tanaka, Bunny Ito.

Team 2—Coach, Kaz Suga; captain, Akiko Yoshinaka; Barbara Sakamoto, Eiko Kutsukake, Yoshiko Isezaki, Toshiko Kitagawa, Sumi Ohta, Miss Maeda.

Team 3—Coach, Ken Fujioka; captain, Haruko Ma[illegible]; Eiko Hatanga, Pat Kara[illegible], May Yoshinaka, Chiyo Ya[illegible]gizawa, Miyko Yamaga[illegible], Florence Ikeda, Thelma [illegible]saki, Amy Horisaki.

NOTICE TO BOYS

N.B. — Because the girls are inclined to be somewhat bashful and shy when a large crowd of boys come to preview their workouts, the boys are asked to leave the gym to the girls from 8 o'clock on for the next few weeks until scheduled games start.

Intermediates Look Good

Senior Basketball Teams Balanced In League Shake-up

It won't be long now before the melon-tossers really get into action, and as the new season draws closer, the setup of the league slowly takes shape with all the players' mixup being smoothed out to the satisfaction of all.

To date, senior teams comprising the loop will be last year's champions Maikawa, Matsumiya & Nose, Harry's and Steveston. The intermediate league is composed of seven teams, namely, Marpole, Steveston, Nomads, Ernie's, East End Monarchs, Celtic Cannery and the newly-entered Nippatsus.

In order to balance the teams as evenly as possible in the senior league, the committee in charge did a lot of player-shifting to adjust the team calibres as evenly as possible. This year the strong champion Maikawa team will be without their ace sharpshooter Shig Ashikawa. Voted No. 1 basketballer in the Japanese League last year, Shig this year has decided to don the orange and black of the Harry crew and serve in the capacity of player-manager.

The Teams

In exchange for Ashikawa, Maikawa's picked up hard-fighting guardsman Kaz Suga from Harry's. Also revamping Harry's outfit will be Baron Wakabayashi from M. & N. Last year players Yanagizawa, Onishi, Hashimoto and Kiide Shimizu make Harry's a strong quintette and although still too early for any prognostication, Harry's looks like The Team.

M & N, too, has been greatly strengthened by the additions of Maikawa's rough-and-tumble Koei Mitsui and tall Sam Uyede. George Suzuki again leads the assault and will be playmaker assisted by Tommy Nobuoka, George Ide, Johnny Tanaka and Ken Fujioka.

The defending champs will be the great question mark this year. They have a lot of fine material but how to bring it out is Manager Michi Ashikawa's biggest headache. Last year they relied on Shig Ashikawa to pull them through the series and did not exercise their ability to the utmost, but now with no Ashikawa to lead them it's just a question of how good are they themselves. Their team is fairly well balanced with Harry Nikaido, Yuki Uno, Mike Maruno, Kaz Suga, Shig Onizuka, Yosh Ishida and Swede Sawada and if they can cook up some system, they should work pretty smoothly.

Steveston Stepping

Via the grape-vine system, rumors come from Steveston that they're really hot this year and another thing they're going to outflash the town boys with a flashy brand-new uniform. Enlisting the help of some of their star junior players, the fishermen are fully convinced that no more of the humiliating whitewashes meted out to them last year will occur again.

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